

**RESOLUTION NO. 20121018-068**

**WHEREAS**, Waller Creek is a defining feature of Austin's geography and history, and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to enhance and revitalize the creek and the surrounding area have occurred over the past thirty years but have been unsuccessful due to flooding events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Waller Creek Tunnel Project and Revitalization effort is a priority of the City and construction of the tunnel flood control project is underway and financing mechanisms are in place by the City of Austin in partnership with Travis County to remove over 28 acres of downtown from the floodplain; and

**WHEREAS**, the Waller Creek Conservancy ("Conservancy"), a non-profit organization dedicated to the implementation of a great urban park design in Austin and the successful revitalization of the district, has incorporated to establish itself as a private partner with the city in the development, operation, and management of the district, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding between the City and the Conservancy approved by the City Council on April 28, 2011 as amended on May 26, 2011, the Conservancy conducted an international

design competition seeking a design to revitalize the Waller Creek District,  
and

**WHEREAS**, an international design competition began on November 8, 2011 with the objective of creating a connected concept for a great urban public space, and

**WHEREAS**, a professional jury comprised of technical experts from around the world was established, and

**WHEREAS**, the jury evaluated thirty-one submissions, selected four finalist teams that were able to consult with a technical advisory group on the preparation of design proposals, and

**WHEREAS**, extensive public outreach occurred throughout the design competition process in many forms to include city-wide community input and raise public awareness of the design considerations and proposals for Waller Creek, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 3, 2012, the four finalist teams presented designs to the public and the competition jury and a final design concept was selected by the Waller Creek Design Competition Jury, and

**WHEREAS**, the memorandum of understanding between the City and Conservancy provides that the City approve the selected design concept;

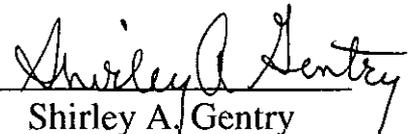
**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Council affirms the selection of the design chosen by the Waller Creek Design Competition Jury relating to the revitalization of the Waller Creek District.

**ADOPTED:** October 18, 2012

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk